



The Beta Theta Pi Newsletter Fall '03

Delta Beta Chapter

Another Successful Fall Semester

The end of this semester marks the close of my tenure as Social Chairman. As in all other areas, Delta Beta saw great success socially this past semester. Our chapter has grown into one of the largest on campus, giving it the resources to, well, throw damn fine parties. This semester marked the return of our volleyball tournament, Beta Theta Spike, a philanthropic chapter event. We had 80 teams participate, more than doubling the size of the last Beta Theta Spike. And, we raised \$1,500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We had a blast at Homecoming with the girls from Gamma Phi and celebrated the return of Treehugger, and Betaz in the Hood date dashes. We also pulled the General Lee out of the garage and partied it up Dukes of Hazzard style.

However, what I value most was being the Social Chairman, and a member of Executive Board. It has given me the chance to be part of a tradition of leadership and excellence that has taken this chapter from what it was when I pledged, and developed it beyond, with standards that are constantly changing, growing. It has allowed me to give back to a chapter that has been a fundamental building block in the person I have become.

The chapter has faced many challenges this semester and last, but has only excelled through them and grown through its struggle. This a tumultuous time for the Greek community in general at the U of A, a time when the university is seemingly against us, and chapters are closing nearly every month. However, Beta is different.

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Fall '03 Beta Theta Spike Volleyball Tournament

The sun was shining and the pool was refreshing this year at our second annual Beta Theta Spike volleyball tournament

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Current Events



Beta at a Glance

■ Our first annual Alumni recognition banquet took place on December 6th, and we inducted our first three members of the Delta Beta Hall of Fame. Congratulations again to Brothers William Brammer, Jonathan Beck, and Norman Freeman.

■ We finished this semester with an outstanding 26 man pledge class.

■ The rush procedure for next semester has been changed to be completely informal, so we have already begun to make preparations for dealing with that. We may have to rely on our numbers for the first time to at least draw an initial interest, but that will not be hard because we are the 2nd largest house on campus now (out of around 20 other fraternities).

■ We recently finished Homecoming with the lovely ladies of Gamma Phi Beta. It was an incredible time, and we are preparing for Spring Fling with Kappa Alpha Theta.

■ Our second annual volleyball philanthropy benefiting Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Beta Theta Spike was a success. It was held on Saturday October 4th, and we had around 80 teams of girls participate.

■ This past spring semester we had 11 members achieve a 4.0 grade point average, and even though the numbers have not been finalized we expect similar or better results from this past fall.

■ Our chapter is now at over 95 members and we will be well over 100 members with the induction of our current pledge class!

■ Don't forget to check our website <http://clubs.asua.arizona.edu/~beta/>.



Members of Beta from the past and present all came together this year at our annual Homecoming tent on the mall



BETA THETA PI

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Social Chair- Garrett Munro
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President's Forum



As my term comes to an end, I look back on the year and realize only this: I love this house.

With a controversy concerning hazing looming over the entire Greek community at the University of Arizona, Delta Beta has stood strong and maintained its status as the best fraternity on campus. And, this past fall semester proved to be one of the finest in the chapter's illustrious history.

It began with achieving the highest GPA of any fraternity on campus. Delta Beta's GPA for the Spring 2003 semester was four-tenths of a point higher than the all men's average at the U of A, with 11 members obtaining a 4.0.

Then came rush, where Delta Beta took the largest pledge class in its history, 34 men. The Fall 2003 pledge class is by far one of the best I have ever seen. Despite its enormous size and a haze-free pledgship, this group continues to impress with its solidarity.

Following rush, the chapter held its annual philanthropy, Beta Theta sPike. With a freshly raked volleyball court and pool constructed of hay bales, all we needed was girls. Luckily, we had 80 teams register to play, allowing us to donate \$1,500 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The success of Delta Beta this past semester was unmatched by any fraternity. And, looking to the future, Delta Beta has undertaken some significant projects that will ensure the longevity of the chapter we all love.

The Tucson alumni have come together with the promise of an officially recognized housing corporation.



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With chapter membership at an all-time high (over 95 members), our current facility is no longer meeting our needs. With our size in mind, the housing corporation is working diligently to establish a capital fund campaign.

The undergraduates have also come up with their own goal. We are constructing an official pledge program that is in compliance with the university's hazing policy. The intent is to bring the program before the administration for approval thereby removing all doubt from the pledge education process. Delta Beta is the first fraternity on campus to organize such a program.

Delta Beta is at an important point in its history. Greatness is at our fingertips, and now is the time for the undergraduates and alumni to band together. Think back on your Beta experience, realize this fraternity has given each of us more than we could have ever imagined, and say thanks any way you can.

Yours in ~kai~,
Andrew Lemieux
DB #581

Another Success Cont.

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We have shown why we are distinctive and better by taking the opportunity to be proactive and move our chapter forward while other chapters languish by grasping on to fading, flawed traditions. Delta Beta is working to be the first chapter on campus to present to the University, and get approved, a written pledge program. We are also working to revise the procedures the University has been using to pry into the walls of fraternities in order to adjudicate their behavior and ensure the fairness of these procedures.

At the end of my last fall semester at the University of Arizona it is amazing to look back and recall how I was, and how the Delta Beta chapter was four years ago. At the time, I had just finished my semester as a pledge, and was enthusiastic and excited about getting involved in the house. My pledge class had been the largest class the house had seen in years and we were aware that our class was on course to rejuvenate a chapter in need of new life.

Over the next four years, I was able to watch the chapter develop. Among many achievements, Delta Beta has grown more effective and efficient. It has successfully cultivated a strong sense of brotherhood and purpose despite a growing chapter size, and has sincerely begun to bridge the distance between the chapter and its alumni, building a firm relationship and bringing together the resources to find a chapter house that suits our changing needs. Further, it has done these things without losing the unique characteristics that have defined our chapter for generations: leadership, brotherhood, academics, and balance. Beta is still the most involved fraternity on campus, has consistently either been first in academics or in the top five, and is a group of men that has more concern for their brothers and the fraternity as a whole than any chapter on campus.

The primary seed of this success is Delta Beta's insistence on setting higher standards. Despite past success, we are never satisfied and only aim for greater excellence. Two semesters ago we had the best GPA of the large houses, and last semester we had the best GPA of all houses. This is only one example of how Beta sets higher standards.

There has not been a period in over a year in which we have not had both a member of the Greek Judicial Board and the Interfraternity Council, and no period in which we have had no representation in either body. Again, higher standards.

It amazes me to think that all this time later, though I am a quite different person than I was then, my enthusiasm and passion has not dimmed. Delta Beta, like myself, is also in a much different place now. The fading flame that once was the Delta Beta chapter now grows steadily stronger each day. Delta Beta is a chapter with a future, with years of passionate leaders awaiting their chance to give. And, by the unfortunate circumstances of my nearing graduation, I must leave the chapter behind. However, I leave knowing that people just as passionate as I are waiting to take my place, waiting to take Delta Beta on to greater success and accomplishments using the standards of excellence that my generation has set only as the beginning of their success.

Yours in ~kai~

Brandon Peterson DB535



Housing Information

Housing situation to improve

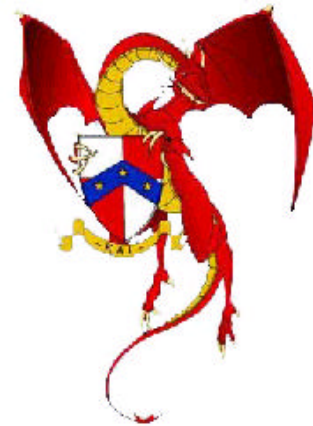


Valuable members of our alumni are hoping to make our housing hopes a reality

Brothers, I would like to inform you of some exciting developments regarding the Delta Beta capital fund. Recently, Delta Beta formed a Housing Committee, and will soon be incorporated, giving us the opportunity to begin a Capital Fund Drive. The Housing Committee is currently looking at possible short- and long-term options to house a higher number of members in a suitable living environment. Currently, membership is 100, but we only have room for a few guys in addition to the nine members of the Executive Board at the house. The drive is in the early stages, but we hope to begin moving quickly to find a housing option that will help us perpetuate the great things Delta Beta is accomplishing. Look for a mailer with details about the project, how to donate, and more coming in the next few months. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Matt Strom (Chapter President) at 520-360-6281 or strom@email.arizona.edu. Thanks to alumni in Tucson and California who have helped set the groundwork for our future.

~kai~

Matt Strom



Top 10 Reasons to support Delta

10. The Delta Beta chapter was ranked first in grades at the University of Arizona from the spring semester of 2003
9. Bigger house=more room for CAPS
8. The neighborhood would finally be rid of us "rebellious college kids", until they realize that the university is a half a block away and the noise problem will not improve
7. The room we call "the coffin" can finally be used for its initial intention....a small closet
6. Beta's name on campus is as strong as ever with representation in clubs such as Chain Gang, Bobcats, Arizona Ambassadors, ASUA, IFC, Optimi, the Greek Judicial Board, and Eller BPA student council
5. The cockroaches who occupy our current house have been wanting us to move for years
4. We won over 50% of the University of Arizona Greek awards, and are hopeful for similar results this year
3. Community assistance is a major focus as the house dedicated countless hours to participating in philanthropic events, and backed senior Brandon Peterson in his organization of the annual philanthropy he created for the U of A entitled the "Lil Event" which uses campus organizations to help non-profit groups throughout the Tucson community
2. One shouldn't have to reset their clock everytime someone else uses the microwave
1. We are obviously the number one chapter, need I say more

Alumni Corner

Recognize these Betas? Hint: Think original Delta Betas

Anderson, Henry D.
Baldock, Bob
Bartylla, Buzz
Burk, Wayne

Carruth, James C.
Cayce, Forster S.
Cooper, Forster
Dering, Phil

Diener, Pete
Emory, Ed
Glover, Tom
Hall, James Gary

Knux, George
May, Judson E.
Waddell, Bob
Zuhowski, Bill "Zuzu"



The first thing that needs to be said is thank you. Thank you for the assistance, thank you for the encouragement, and thank you for the criticism. Everything said to me over this past semester has been taken into account, and is extremely appreciated. I also would like to call attention again to the Delta Beta Housing Corp (mentioned on page 3). This is an excellent opportunity for all the alumni to get involved with the chapter again if they wish to, and I encourage anyone who wants more information on the subject to please contact either myself (bgoot@email.arizona.edu) or Matt Strom. This is something the entire chapter is behind, and I personally feel very excited to see what happens next. Additionally, as this next semester gets underway I would like to welcome as always your comments or questions as I am happy to assist in any way I can. The amount of alumni involvement is growing daily, and I would really like to see this continue. Lets hope for another outstanding semester, and take care.

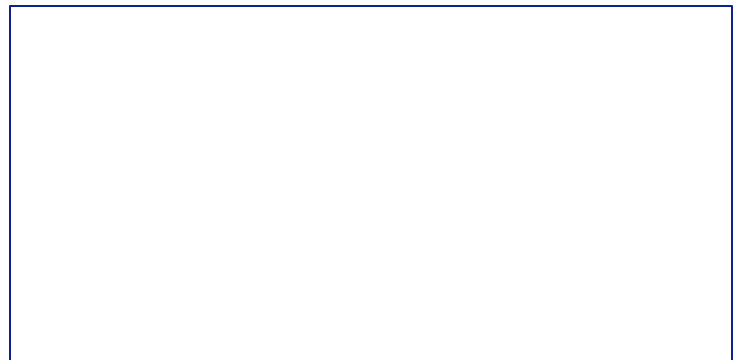
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Ben Goot
Alumni Relations Chair
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IMPORTANT

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